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**From:** Falconio, Tony [Tony.Falconio@Illinois.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/13/2023 12:55:54 AM  
**To:** Ruesch, Paul [ruesch.paul@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Potential Press Release for LaSalle Carus Fire from local/state/federal responders

Thanks. I saw the guidance from IDOA but no press release. Was that supposed to be attached?



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**Subject:** [External] FW: Potential Press Release for LaSalle Carus Fire from local/state/federal responders

FYI

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**From:** Brent Bader <b.bader@lasalle-il.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 6:21 PM  
**To:** Linduska, Rachel <Linduska.Rachel@epa.gov>; Kondreck, Robert <kondreck.robert@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Ruesch, Paul <ruesch.paul@epa.gov>  
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Appreciate you both, on short notice.

I'm attaching the guidance given by the Dept. of Ag as an FYI from our earlier conversation, Rachel. We can discuss tomorrow.

Thanks and have a great night,

**Brent Bader**

Director of Public Relations and Community Development

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**From:** Linduska, Rachel <[Linduska.Rachel@epa.gov](mailto:Linduska.Rachel@epa.gov)>  
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**To:** Kondreck, Robert <[kondreck.robert@epa.gov](mailto:kondreck.robert@epa.gov)>  
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Thanks, Rob. Ok from me with your edit.

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On Jan 12, 2023, at 6:15 PM, Kondreck, Robert <[kondreck.robert@epa.gov](mailto:kondreck.robert@epa.gov)> wrote:

Minor edit, please see attached. Your good to go from the EPA OSC end.

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**From:** Brent Bader <[b.bader@lasalle-il.gov](mailto:b.bader@lasalle-il.gov)>  
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Yes, attached.

Thank you,

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**From:** Kondreck, Robert <[kondreck.robert@epa.gov](mailto:kondreck.robert@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 6:06 PM  
**To:** Brent Bader <[b.bader@lasalle-il.gov](mailto:b.bader@lasalle-il.gov)>; Linduska, Rachel <[Linduska.Rachel@epa.gov](mailto:Linduska.Rachel@epa.gov)>

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Could you re-attached the revised version?

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Fixed Cary typo and a few others throughout.

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I can add a:

“For more information, visit [response.epa.gov/lasallechemicalfire](https://response.epa.gov/lasallechemicalfire)” under that US EPA graph as well.

Thanks,

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Hi Rachel,

Thank you for your time today. In continuing to work in good faith with regards to the material we put in our press releases, I have our current draft press release that we hope to release by 6:30 p.m., barring delay of a greenlight from our Mayor.

Please review and let me know that you and Robert are comfortable with my summation of what Robert talked about.

Thank you,

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Hi Brent,

I'm the PIO for U.S. EPA, I spoke with Rob and Paul about a potential press release for tomorrow to provide the last update from unified command on the Carus fire. I started a draft, attached, that I assume the city will issue and post to your website. Thoughts? If you can give me a call, we can walk through this. I haven't sent a draft to other local, state or federal responding agencies – but I'd like to get their input and hopefully present this at tomorrow's 9 a.m. UC meeting. Since Carus is the potentially responsible party, they will need to issue their own press release about their cleanup and any other information they would like to provide. It's EPA's practice to not let them review but to provide a copy of the release before sending to the media.

Another housekeeping item, I noticed your website needs to be updated. When you make your changes, can you add the link to U.S. EPA's website with our data?: [response.epa.gov/lasallechemicalfire](https://response.epa.gov/lasallechemicalfire)

I'm available tonight or tomorrow morning to discuss, my cell number is in my signature below.

Thanks,

Rachel

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